

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. Claims 1-6 (Cancelled)
7. (Currently Amended) A composite hockey stick shaft having an elongated body having four side wall members, at least one of said side wall members comprising

an inner layer of fibers disposed within a matrix material,

a layer of viscoelastic material anchored onto to the outside surface of said inner layer,

an outer layer of fibers disposed within a matrix material, said outer layer being disposed on and abutting the outside of said layer of viscoelastic material.
8. (Original) The composite hockey stick shaft of claim 7 wherein said inner layer and said outer layer have substantially the same thickness.
9. (Original) The composite hockey stick shaft of claim 7 wherein said viscoelastic layer is disposed along the whole length of said body.
10. (Original) The composite hockey stick shaft of claim 7 wherein said viscoelastic layer is selected from a group comprising thermoplastic rubber midified adhesive, polyester, urethane, polyurethane, mylar, tedlar silicone and epoxy films.
11. (Original) The composite hockey stick shaft of claim 10 wherein said viscoelastic layer has a thickness in the range of about 5 to 25 thousands of an inch.
12. (Original) The composite hockey stick shaft of claim 10 wherein said viscoelastic layer has a thickness in the range of about 10 to 22.5 thousands of an inch.
13. (Original) The composite hockey stick shaft of claim 10 wherein said viscoelastic layer has a thickness of about 20 thousands of an inch.